

TERM 2- 2017 CALENDAR

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	8 May	9 May NAPLAN Yrs 3,5,7&9 Mothers Club get together Primary Campus 9.15am	10 May NAPLAN Yrs 3,5,7&9 P&C Meeting Primary Campus 5.30pm	11 May NAPLAN Yrs 3,5,7&9	12 May Mothers Day Stall Primary Campus Yrs 7,11 & 12 Immunisations
4	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May Zone Cross Country Book Club Due 1L Assembly 2.30pm
5	22 May	23 May	24 May Book Fair	25 May	26 May
6	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June	2 June
7	5 June	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June
8	12 June Queens Birthday	13 June	14 June K-12 Athletics Carnival	15 June NAIDOC Day	16 June Regional Cross Country
9	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June
10	26 June	27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June Frost Over Barraba

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Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 9 May 2017

Congratulations Tayah



The Northern Daily
LEADER

Barraba student takes fire safety message seriously

4 May 2017, 1:30 p.m.



A Year 1 student from Barraba Central School has every reason to smile, after she finished runner up in the Year 1 division of a statewide poster competition, aimed at spreading three key fire safety messages.

Tayah Davey chose the "Get down low and go, go, go" message to highlight as part of her entry.

More than 280 children from 62 schools in Kindergarten to Year 2 entered the 2017 Brigade Kids Champions competition.

"With more than 4,500 home fires a year, it's essential for kids to understand the importance of fire safety at a young age," Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner, Paul Baxter said. "Children are often unaware that a tiny flame can grow into a dangerous fire."

The overall winner was Zaynab Sleiman from Al Faisal College Auburn, who designed a poster with a focus on the message "Call 000 in case of a fire".

Zaynab's poster will be displayed at fire stations all over the state as part of Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day, on May 20. To view all the entries visit www.brigadekids.com



Fire safety: Year 1 student Tayah Davey from Barraba Central School chose the 'Get down low and go, go, go' message to highlight as part of her entry.

From the Relieving Principal



It's already week 3 and the term continues to be very busy. This is a particularly important week as beginning today for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 is the NAPLAN testing. Good luck to all students that are involved. The testing takes place over 3 days with Friday being set aside as a catch up day for any students that may have missed a test. Parents, the main purpose that I see for NAPLAN testing is that it enables schools to see individual and group strengths and areas needing improvement. The testing also provides valuable insights into students overall progress and as such helps inform teaching programs.

This week's newsletter is twice as big as the newsletters for weeks one and two. This definitely shows how busy last week's activities have been. Happy reading as there is plenty happening in your school.

Happy Mother's Day to all our deserving mums and from what I can see that's all of them. I hope this Sunday is very enjoyable.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend our P&C Meeting this Wednesday 5.30pm at the Primary Campus. This term we've tried to improve the facilities of the school. In the secondary work has well and truly begun on fixing our main quad area by eliminating any trip hazards. G3 computer facilities will be greatly improved during this term by the addition of some new computers to ensure greater access for all students. This is particularly important for ensuring widespread student access during times of necessary testing eg. PAT Testing.

In the primary within the next couple of weeks work will commence on fixing up the infants toilets so that the floors will be more user friendly and less slippery. Until next time.....

Mr Johnston



Luke White



Platinum Level: Consistent outstanding achievement across all areas of the curriculum at BCS.

Congratulations to the following students on reaching Level 5



Kade Spence, Riley Payne, Brie Stanger & Kaila Gillogly

Level 5: Outstanding achievement across all areas of the curriculum at Barraba Central School.

Congratulations to the following student on reaching Level 4

Erin Bridges

Level 4: Consistently working hard; having pride in the school and following the School Rules.

Commercial Hotel & Brasserie

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and lunch
Wednesday - Sunday

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If I was Mayor for a day.....



Consultant Brooke Southwell from Brooke Southwell Consulting visited Barraba Central School on Thursday 27 April 2017 and asked students to provide their input into the Tamworth Regional Council's four year youth strategy. Students provided some excellent feedback by exploring the idea "If I was Mayor for a day....." onto A3 Posters. Prizes were awarded for most creative ideas. The Tamworth Regional Youth Strategy will be drafted later this year and will include a range of actions for Tamworth, Manilla, Nundle and Barraba.

P&C Meeting
10 May 2017
Wednesday
5.30pm
@
Primary Campus

Year 7, 11 & 12
Immunisations
12 May 2017
Friday
11am
@
Secondary Campus



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Mothers Day Stall

This Friday 12 May the primary SRC will host our annual Mothers Day Stall. It is suggested that each child bring between \$2 & \$5 to purchase a small gift for mum. Thank you to families who have made donations for our stall so far.

On the last day of Term 1 the SRC sent home tickets for students to sell in the Mothers Day raffle. The raffle is for several pamper packs. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Your support with purchasing these tickets ensures the SRC is able to provide gifts to sell at the Mother's Day stall. All tickets that have been sold should be returned to the primary office by the morning of Friday 12 May to be in the draw.

2/3 Assembly



NAPLAN

Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

9, 10 & 11 May 2017

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.



Barraba Central School is hosting the Zone Cross Country on the 19th of May. The Canteen on the day is run by the P&C as one of it's major fund raisers.

To make this a success we need

- People who can spare a few hours to help in the canteen
- Donations of baked items such as cakes and slices to sell on the day

If you are able to help please complete the following and hand it in at the primary school office or by Tuesday the 16th of May.

Yes, I can help

☐ Canteen (time available ____ to ____)

☐ Cakes/Slices

Name: _____ Contact Number _____

Cross Country 2017

Our Annual Cross Country was held in the beautiful sunshine last Thursday 4 May at the Barraba golf course. Thanks to all parents for supporting your children and thanks to the children who trained hard and ran so well. The event would not be possible if not for the generosity of the Tamworth Regional Council for the use of their witches hats, the Golf Club for allowing us to run over their immaculately kept grounds and the Rugby Club for the use of their facilities at the sportsground.

Primary students ran over a 1, 2 or 3km course and some of these primary students have been selected to run at the Zone Cross Country to be held in Barraba on Friday 19 May. Following are the results from the day:

6 & under Boys

1st Cody Simpson, 2nd Kade Spence, 3rd Leo Lawler

6 & under Girls

1st Zari Keighran, 2nd Mirrilee Coghlan, 3rd Savannah Bonnarius

7yrs Boys

1st Aden O'Dell, 2nd Kobi McCarthy, 3rd Kaiden Brodbeck

7yrs Girls

1st Lara Thomson, 2nd Macey Cabot, 3rd Sophie McKeon

8yrs Boys Infants

1st Jack Davey

8yrs Girls Infants

1st Andrea Riley, 1st Sienna Hain, 3rd Eleanor Ross

8yrs Boys 2km

1st Dustin Hiscock, 2nd Jack Gervasi

8yrs Girls

1st Hope Dawson

9yrs Boys 2km

1st Will Russell, 2nd Sonny Jennar, 3rd Eli Schmidt

9yrs Girls

1st Phoebe Wilson

10yrs Boys 2km

1st Brandon Newell, 2nd Jack Thomson, 3rd Coben todd

10yrs Girls

1st Zahlie Cabot, 2nd Regan Simpson, 3rd Jade Moon- Anderson

11yrs Boys 3km

1st Dylan Hatch, 2nd Jack Coombes, 3rd Brock Phillips

11yrs Girls

1st Gemma Kerney, 2nd Jasmine Bluett

12yrs Boys

1st Leighton Bourke

12yrs Girls

1st Kiah Newell, 2nd Zoe O'Dell, 3rd Katie Wood



Friday Night Rugby

Twenty one students represented BCS in the first round of the Friday Night Rugby Competition. Our 2 under 14's girls had the disappointment of missing out on their first game of Rugby when their opponents forfeited at the last moment. They must have heard about how hard you girls have been training!

Eight BCS boys joined with a lone Quirindi student in the under 14's to put up a creditable performance. They went down to a well drilled Farrer side (with an army of reserves). The boys some of whom are playing up a year and/or are new to rugby tackled well, scored a couple of good tries and kept their heads up. You will be much better for the experience.

Five BCS boys joined with Quirindi in the under 16's for a closely contested and very physical narrow loss to Farrer (who again had a lot of reserves). Considering that the boys only met each other on the night and most of the Quirindi boys are new to Rugby, this was a very promising start. Points awarded to the boys: Riley Hunter 3 points, Hamish Nicholson 2 points and Mackenzie Austin 1 point.

Six girls represented in the under 16's and were very impressive in a narrow loss to Peel High and a big win over Tamworth High. Both games featured some big hits, good tackling and strong running (you girls are scary!). 3 points to Katie Fisher in her first game of rugby, 2 points Zoe Darlington and 1 point Kaitlin Bomford. An impressive first up effort ladies particularly as we did not have the luxury of reserves!

All students behaved very well both on and off the field and should be commended for their efforts on what was an enjoyable night. Thank you to those teachers who saw the students onto the bus and particularly to Mrs Middlemiss for helping out on the night. A big thankyou to Barraba Rugby Club representatives Mark Harris, Jack Macarthy, Nick and Chris Sweeney.

See you at training.

Mr Maloney



Tell Them From Me

At the end of Term 1 students from years 4-12 completed the online Tell Them From Me surveys. These surveys are done twice a year to gain feedback on a range of aspects affecting student outcomes here at Barraba Central School. As part of the survey students are asked questions across a range of topics from participation at school to happiness and relationships at school.

This feedback is very important to identify aspects of the school experience that are positive and helps to identify other areas that need to be targeted for improvement.

As part of this we are looking forward to sharing our student's responses in the Newsletter. We will be releasing sections of the survey report over the next few weeks.

The first release of secondary student responses looks at 3 aspects of engagement, interest and motivation and effort by students. The dark green columns are the responses from our students and the yellow columns show state average responses.

If there are any questions or anything you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me here at the school.

Mr Good

